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*Washington, D.C. 20530*

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Ryan J. Reilly  
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**Re: FOIA Tracking No. FY18-128**

Dear Mr. Reilly:

This letter responds to your May 22, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”), in which you sought “[a]ny formal opinion authored since Jan. 20, 2017 regarding the indictment or criminal prosecution of a sitting president.” Pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b), your request was processed in the complex track. A search of OLC’s files has located no documents responsive to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact Melissa Golden, OLC’s FOIA Public Liaison, at usdoj-officeoflegalcounsel@usdoj.gov, (202) 514-2053, or at Office of Legal Counsel, United States Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5511, Washington, DC 20530.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (“OGIS”) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You have the right to an administrative appeal. You may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (“OIP”), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you

submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul P. Colborn".

Paul P. Colborn  
Special Counsel